

Commercial Businesses Served By Septic Systems

Chapter 64E-6 of the Florida Administrative Code requires existing septic system inspections for businesses served by septic systems when alterations to a building are proposed. Examples would be, but not limited to, adding building area or seating to an existing establishment, change in business operation, adding parking spaces, change of ownership that involves an establishment that serves food or an establishment located in an area zoned industrial/manufacturing.

You may apply for an existing septic system inspection at the Volusia County Health Department, Environmental Health Office located at 2752 Enterprise Road in Orange City. The office is located in the Enterprise Center (also in this plaza is a Volusia County Tag and Title Office). In addition to completing the application you must submit the following:

- To-scale site plan: indicate lot dimensions, house, driveway, sidewalk, easements, septic system, water meter, water line, wells or any other pertinent features. *A survey is not required provided the site plan is to-scale.*
- Floor plan of the addition (if new building area is being proposed)
- Existing septic tank certification (pump out receipt)
- \$110 fee (unless septic system has received approval within 3 years: \$35 fee)
- Depending on the type of business an operating permit for the septic system serving the establishment may also be required

Why is this required for a change in operation or business? The septic system serving the previous business may not have been designed for the needs of the new business. For example, if a septic system was designed to serve an office space and a beauty salon or food establishment is being proposed the increase in sewage flow may cause the system to fail prematurely.

Why is this required for adding parking spaces? Septic systems must not be subject to vehicular traffic or covered with asphalt or concrete. By being subject to vehicular traffic the septic tank may collapse or the drainfield may be damaged and fail prematurely. In addition, there is a requirement for unobstructed area that is double the size of the drainfield to allow for future repair/expansion.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations please contact the Orange City Environmental Health Office at (386) 775-5289.

Please note that this is for informational purposes and not intended to be all inclusive for regulations pertaining to your property. If you are not sure whether an existing septic system inspection is required please contact this office to ensure a violation is not created on your property.